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MEDIA

Press release issued: amplifying HQ announcement of Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grants: [U.S. EPA Announces \\$525,000 Award to Protect Northern California Watersheds](#) (Contact: Michele Huitric)

- **AgNet West:** [First grants awarded under EPA's Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program](#)
- **Independent Coast Observer:** Reporter Lindsey Smith asked if we could provide details about where the "Protecting Forests to Protect Watershed" project was located. Told her that the grantee would be the best source for this information and offered to provide contact information; she advised that she had already been in touch with the grantee and was waiting to hear back. WTR (v) CLOSED: Michele Huitric

Press release issued: Arizona Wins EPA's Air Quality Flag Program Challenge - Arizona schools won the EPA's Spring Air Quality Flag Program Challenge to protect people's health. Schools state-wide are raising brightly colored flags to help students and members of the community be aware of daily air quality conditions. Margot Perez-Sullivan

KNAU: Producer Ryan Heinsius asked for comment regarding President Begaye's request that Navajo Nation become its own EPA region. Sent statement: CLOSED Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) ORA

KNAU: Producer Ryan Heinsius asked for comment regarding President Begaye's announcement regarding recent \$465,000 grant, working on statement: OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) WTR

AZ Daily Star: Reporter Tony Davis had questions regarding CEQ referral, working on getting answers to questions: OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan ENF (v)

Hawaii Business Magazine – Reporter Noelle Fujii emailed a question about air quality monitoring data for a story she is working on in relation to the American Lung Association's State of the Air Hawaii report. Referred to the HDOH Clean Air folks, and also checked with our Air folks. She was able to get an answer from HDOH. CLOSED, AIR, (V), Dean Higuchi

KSPN2 Saipan – OSC Michelle Rogow was interviewed by reporter Jillian Angeline in regards to work being done in partnership with CNMI BECQ to monitor groundwater in CNMI. CLOSED, SUPERFUND, Dean Higuchi

WEB

Social Media:

Bed Bugs – At the request of headquarters, posted to our [Twitter](#) page about avoiding bed bugs while traveling, and linked to our [Tips for Travel](#) page.

Web Updates:

Arizona Air Actions – Posted a link to the Federal Register notice for the Redesignation to Attainment for Particulate Matter action to the [Arizona Infrastructure SIP Air Actions](#) page.

Air Permits – Posted a corrected link to the Morongo Casino Title V Permit to the [Region 9 Title V Permits](#) page.

9online Updates:

Telework Page – Posted an updated NTEU application on the [Telework page](#) which fixed a fill-and-print issue.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-CA-34): Brent Maier shared final EPA responses to a number of questions posed in Congressman Becerra staffer Johanna Montiel's June 6, 2016 e-mail regarding Exide. EPA Region IX provided the response for two questions and my HQ OLEM provided responses in an attachment to two additional bulleted questions. In addition, Brent shared an attached a document prepared by EPA HQ that provides information on the status of facilities operating under interim status as of 2015 that addressed one of Johanna's questions.

Congressional Outreach on Exide: Brent Maier shared a copy of our recent letter to Alexis Segal in Sen. Dianne Feinstein's office with Congressional staff in the offices of Senator Barbara Boxer, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, Congressman Xavier Becerra, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis.

Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA-24): Brent Maier received a follow up inquiry from San Luis Obispo Field Representative Greg Haas regarding the Arroyo Grande aquifer exemption proposal and has set up a call for Water Division's Mike Montgomery on Wednesday at 11:00am to discuss.

Rep. Janice Hahn (D-CA-44): Brent Maier received an inquiry from Jason Braude in the Congresswoman's DC Office regarding drinking water issues in the City of Compton. Their office has received complaints from community members and schools that their drinking water shows discoloration. Brent has reached out to Water Division's Luis Garcia-Bakarich and will report back any information learned to Jason Braude.

Congressional Outreach on EPA's Spring Air Quality Flag Program Challenge: Brent Maier shared today's joint ADEQ/EPA press release with the entire Arizona Congressional delegation announcing that Arizona schools won the EPA's Spring Air Quality Flag Program Challenge to protect people's health. Schools state-wide are raising brightly colored flags to help students and members of the community be aware of daily air quality conditions.

Congressional Outreach on Northern California Watersheds Grant Funding: Brent Maier notified Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and

Representatives Doug LaMalfa and Jared Huffman of today's press release announcing EPA's funding of three projects will receive a combined \$525,000 to improve land management of thousands of acres of healthy watersheds in Northern California. Awarded in partnership with the non-profit U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, these funds are part of \$1.4 million in grants for nine projects across seven states.

OCIR Request for Upcoming U.S. Conference of Mayors Meeting: OCIR's Arnita Hannon is requesting any "brief" hot issues focused on "water" for the following Region IX Mayors for an upcoming U.S. Conference of Mayors' meeting that Office of Water's Joel Beauvais will be attending/speaking at on June 24th. OCIR is requesting we share any brief water focused hot issues by Friday, June 17th. The Region IX Mayors include the following list: Mayor Deborah Robertson (Rialto, CA); Mayor Ed Lee (San Francisco, CA); Mayor Christopher Cabaldon (West Sacramento, CA); Mayor Gary Soiseth (Turlock, CA); Mayor Jill Techel (Napa, CA), Co-Chair, Mayors Water Council; Mayor Kevin Faulconer (San Diego, CA); Mayor Alan Arakawa (Maui, HI); and Mayor John Marchand (Livermore, CA). Brent Maier shared this incoming request with our Water Division managers.

EPA HQ Meeting with San Mateo, CA County Officials: HQ Intergovernmental along with other HQ Offices will meet with San Mateo County Supervisor Dave Pine and other San Mateo officials to discuss sea level rise in San Mateo County along with guidance for multi-hazard planning. San Mateo staff met with EPA Region IX's Abby Hall and Suzanne Marr about their Safe, Smart Growth Initiative. The EPA funded the Association of Bay Area Governments to evaluate hazards in the Priority Development Areas developed through the Plan Bay Area process, with a focus on housing. The EPA is now interested in using this project model as a framework to apply throughout the state. Their next steps are to use the results of the ABAG project to develop a Regional Resilience Framework and pilot it in two locations in California: likely Tahoe and San Diego. San Mateo County staff apparently had an "interview"/meeting with EPA in the region regarding the aforementioned issues. Region IX's Suzanne Marr and Brent Maier participated in this call.

EPA HQ Meeting with Municipal Governments/Waste Management Authorities: HQ OAR and OLEM joined Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) held a meeting with local government represents to discuss the proposed landfill methane rule. These officials want to discuss both the climate and waste management policy implications of the proposed rule. They also want to discuss how requirements under the Clean Power Plan fit into their concerns. OIR is working with the Washington representative for the group and receiving additional details regarding the municipalities that will be participating in the meeting.

Tomorrow - Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA-41): A call is scheduled for Wednesday with Melanie Ling, Constituent Services Representative and District Director, Rafael Elizalde, on the Ag Park Project in Riverside, CA. Land Division's Steve Armann will be participating along with Brent Maier. Call is scheduled and confirmed for Wednesday, June 15th at 1:00pm.

Legislative Action:

Bill to Expedite FOIA Requests Heads to White House: The House yesterday passed legislation to bolster the Freedom of Information Act, sending the bill to President Obama's desk to be signed into law. On a voice vote, the lower chamber approved S. 337, known as the "FOIA Improvement Act of 2016." The bill was considered under suspension of the rules, meaning no amendments could be made to the legislation and it needed two-thirds of the majority of members voting in support for it to pass the House. The bill would make a number of changes to FOIA, including setting up an online portal for public records requests for all federal agencies. The bill would also write into law that agencies must respond to FOIA requests with a presumption of openness as well as stop agencies from using FOIA's "deliberative process" exemption for documents created 25 or more years ago. President Obama is expected to sign the bill, just in time for the 50th anniversary of when FOIA originally became law. - *E&E*

Senate Interior Appropriations (SAC) Subcommittee Action on EPA FY2017 Budget: SAC reported the FY 2017 bill and report out today – the full Senate Appropriations committee will take the bill up on Thursday, June 16th at 10:30am ET. The bill does include several policy provisions which OCIR's Jim Blizzard will get out as soon as they are available. The full House Appropriations Committee takes up EPA's FY2017 bill on Wednesday, June 15th at 9:30am ET.

Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Intergovernmental Meetings:

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 – Tentative - House Appropriations - Full Committee Mark-up of FY 2017 EPA Appropriations Bill. <http://appropriations.house.gov/>

Thursday – Monday, June 23 – 27, 2016 - United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) to Convene in Indianapolis, IN: The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) will hosts its 84th Annual Conference of Mayors June 23 – 27. Resolutions will be considered by the policy committees throughout the conference and adopted by the full body on Monday, June 27th. At the conclusion of the conference, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake (Baltimore, MD) will conclude her term as President. Mayor Mick Cornett (Oklahoma City, OK) will be the incoming President. The Mayors Water Council will convene on Friday, June 24th. Mayors Joy Cooper (Hallandale Beach, FL) and **Jill Techel (Napa, CA)** are Co-Chairs. Friday will also feature the Mayors Climate Protection Awards Luncheon. The Energy Committee, chaired by Mayor Johnathan F. Mitchell (New Bedford, MA), will meet late afternoon on Friday. On Saturday, June 25th, the Environment Committee, chaired by **Mayor Greg Stanton (Phoenix, AZ)**, will convene for its business meeting and consideration of Resolutions. Administrator McCarthy addressed the Environment Committee during the January Winter Meeting in Washington, DC. OIR will manage EPA's participation in the conference, including any presenters. For a complete

conference schedule see www.usmayors.org. OIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon